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U.S. Soccer and Michigan State Youth Soccer Association are pleased to announce the launching of four new in-person Grassroots License Courses as well as US Soccer's updated 'D' License Course. Each of these educational opportunities is hosted by U.S. Soccer member organizations and tailored around the four new Grassroots game models: 4v4, 7v7, 9v9, and 11v11. These course options will offer coaches the chance to learn more about how to develop a player-centered approach to coaching.

Spanning 4-hours in length, each in-person Course consists of both classroom and field-based sessions. Coaches will learn more about U.S. Soccer's Coaching Education Philosophy, Play-Practice-Play Methodology and the Six Tasks of a Grassroots Coach, amongst other topics. The newly revamped 'D' License is a culmination of all four game models and an extension of the Grassroots courses. After completion of the course, coaches will have the knowledge and tools to positively impact their player and the environment in which they interact.

"Grassroots is where soccer begins. It is these early experiences that spark a child's love for the game. As a parent or coach, these courses will help further improve those experiences," said U.S. Soccer Director of Coaching Education, Nico Romeijn. "If you are completely new to coaching or the game of soccer, this is a tremendous opportunity to further your knowledge of how to teach children to learn and love the game. For the experienced coach or former player, this is an opportunity to provide a more structured approach based on the needs of the players. In both cases, the focus is on the player and how to ensure that player is able to learn, grow and have fun playing soccer."

Together with U.S. Soccer, the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA) is committed to improving the experience and level of our players through empowering coaches with low barrier and easily accessible education.

"MSYSA is excited to offer US Soccer's grassroots coaching education courses in Michigan," said Thomas Faro, MSYSA Executive Director. "US Soccer's updated platform for coaches at the grassroots level is focused on continued growth and development of our coaches and players."

Grassroots Course Schedule

March 11, 2018 (Grand Rapids, MI)

9v9 | 8am-12pm | \$70 | [Register Here](#)

11v11 | 1pm-5pm | \$70 | [Register Here](#)

March 24, 2018 (Fenton, MI)

9v9 | 8am-12pm | \$70 | [Register Here](#)

11v11 | 1pm-5pm | \$70 | [Register Here](#)

Course registration closes two weeks prior to the course start date or when the course is full (max candidates per course is 30).

For additional information regarding schedule, pricing and availability, please visit www.michiganyouthsoccer.org or visit the [US Soccer Digital Coaching Center](#) for course listings.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

[Five Things to Know About the Grassroots Pathway Coaching Initiative](#)

[Five Things to Know About the U.S. Soccer Introduction to Grassroots Coaching Module](#)

[U.S. Soccer Begins Launch of New Grassroots Coaching Pathway with Cost-Free Introductory Module](#)

[U.S. Soccer Coaching Education Department Announces Grassroots Pathway Initiative](#)

[Five Things to Know About U.S. Soccer Player Development Initiatives](#)